

Applicants submit that the disclosure of Marutiak cannot be properly combined with the disclosure of Ohashi et al. for several reasons. For example, there is no indication that the loud speaker 54 and related circuitry used in Ohashi et al. to generate audio messages could be incorporated into Marutiak. Also, there is no indication that the audio memory 30 used in Ohashi et al. to store the audio messages could be incorporated into Marutiak. Accordingly, Marutiak and Ohashi et al. cannot be properly combined, and, for this reason alone, Claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, and 14-17 are patentable over the proposed combination.

Even if Marutiak and Ohashi et al. could be properly combined, Claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, and 14-17 are patentable over the combination. In rejecting these claims, the Examiner conceded that Marutiak only discloses retrieving a list in response to a calling party going off hook. However, in order to make the rejection, the Examiner asserted that the Marutiak's disclosure of retrieving a list in response to a calling party going off hook is equivalent to receiving a service code from a calling party and, upon receiving the service code, retrieving a list of previously called parties, as recited in Claims 1, 8, and 14. Applicants submit that their specification adequately defines the term "service code" to not include a party going off hook. However, Claims 1, 8, and 14 have been amended to clarify that the service code is dialed. Neither Marutiak nor Ohashi et al. discloses receiving a dialed service code as recited in amended Claims 1, 8, and 14. Accordingly, Claims 1, 8, and 14 and Claims 2-6, 9-13, and 15-19, which depend from Claims 1, 8, and 14 are patentable over the proposed combination for at least this reason.

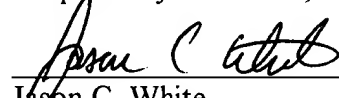
Claims 5, 6, 12-13, and 18-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Marutiak in view of Levine. Because Claims 5, 6, 12-13, and 18-19 depend from Claims 1, 8, and 14, they are patentable for at least the reasons stated above.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Marutiak and Ohashi et al. and further in view of Levine. Claim 7 recites, among other things, receiving a vertical service code and a *personal identification number* from a calling party and, upon receiving the vertical service code and the personal identification number, retrieving a list of parties previously called by the calling party. None of the references cited by the Examiner discloses these limitations. Therefore, Claim 7 is patentable over the proposed combination for at least this reason.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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